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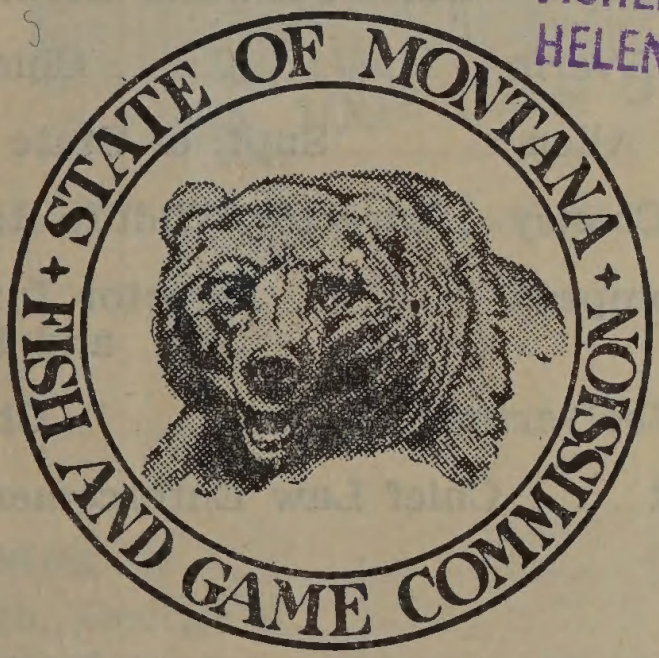

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TYPES OF LICENSES AND FEES

Resident Bird and Fish License (Class A)	$ 3.00
Resident Big Game (Must be holder of Class A license)	3.00
Non-resident Seasonal Fishing License	10.00
Non-resident 6-Day Limited Fishing	3.00
Non-Resident Bird	25.00
Non-Resident Big Game, Birds and Fishing	100.00
Non-Resident Deer	20.00
Non-Resident Antelope	20.00
Trapper's License (Must be holder of Class A license)	10.00
Land Owner's Trapping License	1.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License	10.00
Non-Resident Fur Dealer's License	50.00
Fur Dealer's Agent's License	10.00
Taxidermist's License	15.00
Outfitter's and Guide's License	10.00

The holder of a Resident or Non-Resident Big Game License is entitled to take one deer, one elk, one antelope, one bear, and one goat, during the open season thereon. (Goat hunting in special areas only.)

All aliens may purchase non-resident licenses.

Shipping Permits ..... $ .60

Shipping permits may be obtained from license dealer agents or from the Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena, Montana. Non-residents may not obtain shipping permits to ship fish out of the state. Shipping permits for non-residents are attached to the license. One shipping permit is attached to non-resident big game licenses. Non-residents making more than one shipment will need to obtain shipping permits to ship big game.

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Game Animals—Deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, goat, bear and bison.

Fur-Bearing Animals—Marten or sable, otter, fox muskrat, fisher, mink and beaver.

Predatory Animals — Coyote, wolf, wolverine, mountain lion, wildcat, raccoon, weasel, skunk and civet cat, black-footed ferret and bobcat.

Game Fish—All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizestodion (sand pike or sauger and walleye pike or yellow pikeperch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskelunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

Warm Water Fish—Bass, sunfish, yellow perch, crappie, catfish, bullheads, walleyed pike (yellow pike-perch), sauger, and northern pike.

Upland Game Birds — Sharptailed grouse, blue grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, fool hen, ruffed grouse, quail, Chinese pheasant and Mongolian pheasant, Hungarian partridge, chuckar partridge, ptarmigan and wild turkey.

Migratory Game Birds — Waterfowl, including wild ducks, wild geese, brant and swans; cranes, including little brown Sandhill coots and whooping cranes; rails, including gallinules, sora or other rails; shore birds, including avocets, curlew, dowitcher, gotwits, knots, upland plover, killdeer, sandpipers, Wilson snipes or jacksnipes, snipes, stilts, plovers, willets and yellowlegs; and mourning or turtle doves.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Effective May 22, 1955

To be in full force and effect through May 26, 1956, unless otherwise specified. All regulations, except state laws, are subject to change by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of your nearest Deputy Game Warden.

All waters not mentioned in these regulations are open to fishing for all species during the regular open season. These regulations apply except where otherwise specified in paragraphs below or under county regulations.

Regular Open Season: May 22, 1955 to November 30, 1955, both dates inclusive.

Regular Closed Season: December 1, 1955, to May 26, 1956, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing Season: December 1, 1955 to February 29, 1956, both dates inclusive, effective only on waters listed under winter fishing season in county regulations.

Hours of Fishing: Open from 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, in all waters unless otherwise specified.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits: One each of the following bag and possession limits may be taken unless otherwise specified:

1. The over-all (aggregate) bag and possession limit of all species listed under A, B, C, D and E below shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish unless otherwise specified.

A. The aggregate bag and possession limit of a combination of rainbow trout and cutthroat trout shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

B. The aggregate bag and possession limit on all other species of trout and of char shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

C. The bag and possession limit on grayling shall be five (5) fish.

D. The aggregate bag and possession limit on all species of salmon shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

E. The bag and possession limit on Lake Superior whitefish shall be fifteen (15) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Although there are different limits for different kinds of fish as listed above under A, B, C, D and E, there shall at no time be allowed more than fifteen (15) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in the bag or in possession unless specifically stated otherwise elsewhere in these regulations.

2. The bag and possession limit on Rocky Mountain whitefish shall be twenty (20) fish, except as otherwise specified.

3. The bag and possession limit on pike-perch (walleye pike and sauger) shall be fifteen

(15) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

4. The bag and possession limit on northern pike shall be five (5) fish, not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day, of which no northern pike shall be less than eighteen (18) inches in length.

5. The bag and possession limit on bass of all species shall be fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish in any one day.

6. Non-game fish may be taken in any quantity during the open season by angling, or with set-lines in waters designated to set-line fishing.

These regulations shall apply to both fresh game fish and to game fish which have been frozen, dried, salted, or otherwise preserved, weight limits to be computed by dressed weight, with heads and tails intact.

Means of Taking: It is prohibited to use more than one line, or one pole with one line to the pole, with the exceptions as provided for set-lines. Said single line or single pole with line shall be in hand or within immediate control. Set-lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated under county regulations, and no more than six (6) hooks per line allowed.

Fishing for (or hunting of) carp shall be allowed with a bow and arrow. The use of crossbows and mechanical bows shall be prohibited.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except as provided for under sockeye fishing regulations.

Sockeye Fish Regulations During Spawning Season: From October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive, the limits on sockeye salmon shall be thirty-five (35) fish per day and not more than two days' limit in possession from waters hereinafter enumerated under county regulations.

In these waters, snagging of sockeye with a combination of three hooks shall be permitted from October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time. During the balance of the open season the general fishing regulations shall be in force.

Bait: It shall be prohibited for any person to transport, possess, and/or use for fish bait, any whole fish, dead or alive, except as hereinafter provided under county regulations. All waters of the state shall be closed to fishing with carp and goldfish, dead or alive, unless their heads have been removed. (This regulation shall not apply to non-game fish with their heads removed or to the use of sculpins (Cottus) for fish bait.)

Sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait in all waters in Montana. These may be taken with window screen or a piece of netting not to exceed four (4) feet in length.

Minnows of non-game fish variety may be taken with a seine, not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and one-quarter (¼) inch mesh only in counties hereinafter mentioned where the regulation allows the use of seine. Use of minnow seines in all other

counties unlawful; snares or fish traps unlawful to use or have in possession.

Sale or possession of salmon eggs or imitations thereof shall be absolutely prohibited.

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce any food or substance into the water of this state that may concentrate or attract fish. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits.)

Closed Waters: All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and fish culture stations within the state shall be closed to fishing at all times.

Introduction and Transplanting of Fish and Game: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the state, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission.

Penalty for Violations: Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of any order, rule, or regulations of the State Fish and Game Commission made pursuant to the authority given said Commission by any of the laws of Montana, particularly including Sections 26-101 to 26-1306, and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto shall, unless a different punishment is expressly provided by law for such violation, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon con-

viction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00), nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: (1) Elk Spring drainage below Elk Lake, (2) Upper and Lower Red Rock and Swan Lakes, (3) That portion of Red Rock Creek located within the boundaries of the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: All streams tributary to Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, except as provided under "Closed Entire Year."

Winter Fishing Season: The following waters shall be open to fishing for whitefish only: (1) Red Rock Creek below Lima Dam, (2) The Beaverhead River, (3) The Big Hole River below Divide Dam.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Blacktail Creek from its intersection with Highway No. 91 to its confluence with the Beaverhead River shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The limit on eastern brook trout in Beaverhead County shall be twenty-five (25) or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. These brook trout are to be included in the regular aggregate bag.

BIG HORN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The following streams on Tribal Lands in the Crow Indian Reservation are reserved by the Tribal Council for fishing by Indians only, and will be enforced by the Tribal Council. North Fork of Lodge Grass Creek, Black Canyon Creek, Bull Elk Creek and Devils Canyon Creek in their entirety; Lodge Grass Creek from the mouth of the Canyon to the Wyoming Line; Pryor Creek from headwaters to the Wilson Ranch Line Fence; Sage Creek from the first bridge below the Forest Service boundary to the Forest Service boundary; Dryhead Creek, the lower five miles; further described as being in grazing units Numbers 25, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 63, 64, 65 and portions of units 24, 29, 32 and 33. Further information may be secured from the Department of Interior, Crow Indian Agency, Crow Agency, Montana.

Open Entire Year: The Big Horn River, the Little Big Horn River from its confluence with the Big Horn River to the Highway No. 87 bridge at the Francis Eggart Ranch, Willow Creek Reservoir, Tongue River, Tongue River Reservoir and for fishing of warm water fishes only, all other reservoirs.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: The Big Horn River and all reservoirs with the exception of Willow Creek Reservoir shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

BLAINE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: The Milk River, Missouri River and all reservoirs north of Highway No. 2, shall be open to fishing, with the following exception: Black Coulee Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: Black Coulee Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season each year.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River and Milk River for all species.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed except all reservoirs south of Milk River shall be closed to fishing with small fish for bait, as per the general regulation.

Other: All reservoirs north of Highway No. 2 shall be open at all hours for the fishing of warm water fishes.

BROADWATER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: That portion of the Missouri River within three hundred (300) feet below Toston Dam.

Open Entire Year: The Missouri River at all hours.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed, except sculpins (Cottus) may be used.

Other: None.

CARBON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The first West Fork of Rock Creek shall be closed to all fishing permanently from the mouth of Washoe Creek (near Wild Bill Lake) to its confluence with the main stream of Rock Creek.

Open Entire Year: Bluewater Creek, Yellowstone River, Cooney Reservoir, and Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon County during the regular fishing hours, except for the portion of the Clark Fork open to set-line fishing which shall be open at all hours.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) That portion of the Clark Fork River lying within Carbon County shall have a bag and possession limit of fifteen (15) fish of which not more than ten (10) may be trout. (2) The Yellowstone River for whitefish only with a bag and possession limit of twenty (20) whitefish.

Set-Line Fishing: Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River from the bridge at Bridger, Montana, to its confluence with the Yellowstone River near Laurel, Montana.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The bag and possession limit for eastern brook trout in Carbon County and the Clark Fork River Drainage shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no number or size limit within the weight limitation.

CARTER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing.

Other Than Regular Season: None

Set-Line Fishing: The Little Missouri River and Box Elder Creek shall be open the entire year for all species.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open at all hours for fishing.

CASCADE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Otter Creek and that portion of Giant Springs enclosed or surrounded by the concrete walks and masonry work.

Open Entire Year: Tintinger Sloughs, Missouri River, except as provided below, and all reservoirs for the fishing of warm water fishes. The regular fishing hours shall prevail on the Missouri River between Holter Dam and Morony Dam.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: Smith River and Sun River for whitefish only.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River from Cascade bridge to Black Eagle Dam and below Rainbow Dam.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use

not allowed, except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: That portion of the Marias River and the Teton River lying within Chouteau County, and the Missouri River. All reservoirs to the fishing of warm water fishes.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River, Marias River and Teton River in Chouteau County only, for all species.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

CUSTER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River, the Powder River, and the Tongue River, for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing for warm water fishes at all hours. Scanlan Lake in Miles City limits closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

DANIELS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year. None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs, the Poplar River and Wolf Creek.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Poplar River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open to fishing for warm water fishes at all hours.

DAWSON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided below.

Other Than Regular Season: Johnson Reservoir shall be open to fishing from June 19 to March 31, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River except that portion from the Intake Dam to the Ferry Cable which shall be closed throughout the entire year. All species of fish may be taken.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

DEER LODGE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Big Spring in Georgetown Lake, in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of two hundred (200) feet north and south on the shore line out into the lake.

Flint Creek where it empties into Georgetown Lake shall be closed from its mouth at Georgetown Lake to the Granite County Line, that part of Stewart Mill Creek above where the fence crosses it on Bowman's Pasture, and Hartdla Creek between Georgetown and Silver Lakes, shall be closed the entire year.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: Excepting Georgetown Lake and Silver Lake, all other lakes and their tributaries shall be closed to fishing from November 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the regular fishing season.

The first bay on Georgetown Lake southeast of the dam next to Highway No. 10A, and that portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek, and the spring area in Georgetown Lake at Denton's boat dock in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of 700 feet west and 300 feet east of the main breakwater at Denton's Point, extending a distance of 200 feet from the shoreline into the lake, shall be closed to fishing from July 1 to July 31, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the regular fishing season, and during the winter fishing season.

Georgetown Lake, except as specified above, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed to all fishing from November 16 to November 30, and from March 1 to June 30 each year, all dates inclusive. Fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 9:30 o'clock p.m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, from December 1, 1955, to February 29, 1956, both dates inclusive.

Winter fishing shall be allowed for all species of fish in Silver Lake from December 1, 1955, to February 29, 1956, both dates inclusive, and shall be open to fishing from July 1, to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

FALLON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Box Elder Creek and O'Fallon Creek for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters open to fishing at all hours for warm water fish.

FERGUS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: East Fork Armells Creek from Highway 19 to its source, and O'Brien's Pond (west of Moore).

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs and the Judith River from its confluence with Big Spring to the confluence with Missouri River, the Missouri River and Crystal Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: None.

FLATHEAD COUNTY

All waters of Flathead County, except those open the entire year, shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive and closed the remainder of the year, except as otherwise specified.

Closed Entire Year: South Fork of the Flathead River from Highway No. 2 bridge to Hungry Horse Dam; the Swan River from the hydroelectric plant to the old highway bridge and from the Big Fork Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam; Smith Lake (north of Whitefish Lake); Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source.

Big Creek, Coal Creek, Whale Creek and their tributary streams. Trail Creek (Yakinikak) from

where it comes out of the ground, approximately five (5) miles above the North Fork Road, to the North Fork of the Flathead River.

Open Entire Year: All lakes, except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths which shall be closed from March 1 to June 25, both dates inclusive, with the following exceptions:

(1) That portion of Flathead Lake two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake which shall be closed each year from March 1 to May 28, both dates inclusive.

(2) Ashley (Big Ashley) Lake shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive and shall be closed the remainder of the year, the daily limit of fish to be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish of which no more than five (5) shall be cutthroat trout.

(3) Little Bitterroot Lake and Hungry Horse Reservoir shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive and shall be closed the remainder of the year.

(4) Rogers Lake and all its tributaries shall be open to fishing during the winter fishing season and closed the remainder of the year.

Other Than Regular Season: Flathead River from the Blankenship bridge to Flathead Lake shall be open to fishing from May 29 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. The Stillwater drainage above its confluence with the Whitefish River shall be open to fishing in Flathead County from June 26 to February 29, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull trout) which may be taken in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact. Snagging of kokanee (sockeye salmon) is allowed as per the general sockeye regulations in Flathead Lake, Foy Lake, Whitefish Lake and in the Flathead River from the mouth of the South Fork of the Flathead River to the old red bridge below Columbia Falls.

The daily limit of kokanee (sockeye salmon) in Flathead Lake, Foy Lake, and Whitefish Lake shall be thirty-five (35) fish during the entire year, and two days limit shall be allowed in possession.

The limit of trout in the South Fork of the Flathead drainage above Hungry Horse dam and the Middle Fork of the Flathead drainage above Bear Creek shall be five (5) fish or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Madison River from Cabin Creek to Hebgen Dam. That portion of Bozeman Creek (also known as Sour Dough Creek) from Storey Street Crossing to Keggy Lane, and that portion from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the city of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: The Missouri River; the Gallatin River between its confluence with the Missouri and Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5); the gravel pits at Three Forks, during the regular fishing hours, from 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Other Than Regular Season: (1) The tributary streams above Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 22 to September 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

(2 The Madison River and its tributaries between its confluence with the Jefferson River and Cabin Creek shall be open to fishing from May 22 to October 31, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. (Exceptions: See "Winter Fishing Season.")

(3) That portion of the West Gallatin River and its tributaries, including the East Gallatin River and its tributaries between the Williams Bridge and Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5), shall be open to fishing from May 22 to October 31, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. (Exceptions: See "Winter Fishing Season.")

Winter Fishing Season: The following waters shall be open to fishing for whitefish only during the winter fishing season. The East, West and Main Gallatin River, excluding their tributaries; the Madison River below Meadow Lake; and the Jefferson River.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait.

Other: Fishing from or with the aid of boats, or other floating craft or device, is prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek in Gallatin County to the Ennis Bridge.

The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1¾) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Hebgen Lake.

That portion of Camp Creek lying between the bridge at Amsterdam and the third bridge upstream a distance of two (2) miles, shall be closed to fishing by all persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

GARFIELD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters, including Fort Peck Reservoir. Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to closure as a safety or security measure by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Fort Peck Reservoir and Musselshell River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters, including Fort Peck Reservoir, are open at all hours for fishing of warm water fish unless Fort Peck Reservoir has been closed by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

GLACIER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park boundary.

Open Entire Year: The Marias River, Hope Lake, Duck Lake, Upper and Lower Mission Lakes, Lower St. Mary's Lake and Cut Bank Creek from the Marias River to the Great Northern Railroad Bridge at Cut Bank.

Other Than Regular Season: Deep Creek, the inlet to Dog Gun Lake from the Blackfoot Reservation-Lewis and Clark Forest Boundary Line and a portion of Dog Gun Lake included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said creek, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: Lower Two Medicine Lake shall be open to fishing from December 1, 1955, to February 29, 1956, both dates inclusive, and during the regular open season.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed, except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs and Deadman's Basin Lake. The Musselshell River from the Burgoyne Railroad Bridge to its confluence with Fort Peck Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed, except in Deadman's Basin Lake.

All reservoirs, with the exception of Deadman's Basin Lake, shall be open at all hours to fishing for warm water fishes.

GRANITE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Flint Creek from the Skalkaho Road upstream approximately one mile to the irrigation weirs as posted. Flint Creek from Echo Lake to three hundred (300) feet below Echo Lake and East Fork of Rock Creek from East Fork Dam to three hundred (300) feet below said dam, and Stewart Lake.

Open Entire Year. None.

Other Than Regular Season: All lakes and their tributaries in Granite County, except Echo Lake, which will be open May 30, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed throughout the remainder of the year.

The first bay on Georgetown Lake southeast of the dam next to Highway No. 10A, and that portion of Georgetown Lake within a radius of three hundred (300) feet from the mouth of Flint Creek, and the spring area in Georgetown Lake at Denton's boat dock in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of 700 feet west and 300 feet east of the main breakwater at Denton's Point, extending a distance of 200 feet from the shoreline into the lake, shall be closed to fishing from July 1 to July 31, both dates inclusive, and shall be open during the remainder of the regular fishing season, and during the winter fishing season.

Georgetown Lake, except as specified above, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed to all fishing from November 16 to November 30, and from March 1 to June 30 each year, all dates inclusive. Fishing for all species of fish shall be allowed in Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 9:30 o'clock p.m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, from December 1, 1955, to February 29, 1956, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) Georgetown Lake between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. and 9:30 o'clock p.m., Mountain Standard Time, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed, except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

HILL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Milk River within three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam and city water supply intake as posted.

Open Entire Year: Milk River, from three hundred (300) feet below Fresno Dam to Blaine County line, and Fresno Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: Area above Fresno Dam as posted to be closed April 15 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: Milk River from the east side of the Havre city limits east for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: Fresno Lake and Milk River shall be open to fishing at all hours.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: See "Winter Fishing Season."

Winter Fishing Season: Jefferson River for whitefish.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The Little Boulder River from Whitetail Bridge to the first bridge above Crowley's Dam and Boomerang Creek Dam shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Otter Creek.

Open Entire Year: All reservoirs except Ackley, Kolar and O'Brien.

Other Than Regular Season: Ackley Lake closed to fishing from May 22 to June 30, both dates inclusive in an area as posted.

Winter Fishing Season: Kolar, O'Brien and Ackley Lakes.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: None.

LAKE COUNTY

All waters of Lake County except those open the entire year, shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year except as otherwise specified.

Closed Entire Year: The shoreline of the East Shore of Flathead Lake near the Polson (Station Creek) Hatchery from Dr. Richard's northern property line to the Thometz Boat Dock on the south and extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake.

Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source. Crow Creek and its tributaries

above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. Mission Creek, from Mission Lake to the St. Ignatius public water supply intake. South Fork of Jocko River.

Open Entire Year: All lakes, except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths which shall be closed from March 1 to June 25, both dates inclusive, with the following exceptions: Lake Mary Ronan shall be open to fishing from May 22 to November 30, both dates inclusive and closed the remainder of the year.

An area of shoreline of Flathead Lake, seven hundred fifty (750) feet along Crescent Bay near Rollins Bay as posted and extending three hundred (300) feet into Flathead Lake shall be closed to fishing during the kokanee (sockeye salmon) spawn taking operations from October 1 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

Flathead River from Kerr Dam to its confluence with the Clark Fork River.

Other Than Regular Season: Except as noted below, Ninepipe Reservoir and Pablo Reservoir shall be closed to fishing from March 1 to July 15, both dates inclusive, and shall also be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and open throughout the remainder of the year. Fishing shall be allowed from the main dikes and for a distance of approximately one and one-half (1½) miles of shoreline on the north end of Ninepipe Reservoir, as posted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, during the entire year, excepting the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

Set-Line Fishing. None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use. not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull trout) caught in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact. Snagging of kokanee (sockeye salmon) is allowed in Flathead Lake as per the general sockeye regulations. The daily limit of kokanee (sockeye salmon) in Flathead Lake shall be thirty-five (35) fish during the entire year, and two days limit shall be allowed in possession.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: As a safety and security measure, that portion of the Missouri River adjacent to Canyon Ferry Dam between the log boom and the upstream face of the dam, and from the tail race on the downstream face of the dam to three hundred (300) feet below, as posted by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation; North Fork of the Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam; Gravelly Range Lake; Inlet of Main Nilan Reservoir to and including the small lake lying west of the reservoir, as posted.

Open Entire Year: Missouri River and its main stem impoundments. Regular fishing hours shall prevail between Holter Dam and Morony Dam.

Other Than Regular Season: The South Fork

of the Flathead River drainage shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Willow Creek Reservoir shall be open to fishing from July 1 to August 31, both dates inclusive, and during the winter fishing season for all species of fish, and closed the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) Willow Creek Reservoir, (2) North Fork of Sun River from three hundred (300) feet below Diversion Dam to its confluence with the South Fork of Sun River and Sun River in Lewis and Clark County, to whitefishing, (3) Bean's Lake for all species, (4) Big Blackfoot River below Lincoln.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River and impoundments from Canyon Ferry Dam to Holter Dam.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except that sculpins (Cottus) may be used.

Other: The limit of trout in the South Fork of the Flathead drainage shall be five (5) fish or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

South Fork of the Sun River, from the bridge on Highway No. 20 east of Augusta to the bridge on Highway No. 33, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: The Marias River.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

LINCOLN COUNTY

All waters in Lincoln County except those open the entire year shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year except as otherwise specified.

Closed Entire Year: Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes; O'Brien Creek from the intake of the city water supply for Troy to its source.

Open Entire Year: All lakes, the Kootenai River, Swamp Creek, Bobtail Creek, Miller Creek, East Fisher River, Pleasant Valley Fisher River, and Wolf Creek.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: Fisher River from where Highway No. 2 crosses the main Fisher River to its confluence with the Kootenai River for whitefish only.

Set-Line Fishing: Kootenai River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The Troy Rod and Gun Club's annual kids pond shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

In the tributary streams of the Flathead Drainage in Lincoln County, the minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull trout) which may be taken shall be eighteen (18) inches, with head and tail left intact.

The daily limit of kokanee (sockeye salmon) in Dickey Lake shall be thirty-five (35) fish during the entire year, and two days limit shall be allowed in possession.

MADISON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam), except that portion of the lake known as the Norwegian Creek Arm; Willow Creek, inlet to Harrison Lake or Willow Creek Dam from the confluence with the lake to the weir approximately two hundred (200) feet above the state spawning traps; the inlet to Wade Lake for a distance of three hundred (300) feet in all directions, so marked by permanent markers; Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: That portion of Harrison Lake (Willow Creek Dam) known as Norwegian Creek Arm shall be open to fishing from May 29 to July 15, both dates inclusive,

and closed throughout the remainder of the year. The daily limit shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Hidden Lake shall be open to fishing from July 3 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Meadow (Ennis) Lake and Ruby Reservoir shall be open to fishing during the regular open season and from January 1 to February 29, both dates inclusive, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays only, the winter limit of trout to be five (5) fish.

All of the Madison River and its tributaries shall be open to fishing from May 22 to October 31, both dates inclusive, and during the winter fishing season except as provided elsewhere in these county regulations. That portion of the river and side channels from the Ennis bridge to Meadow Lake shall be open during the regular season.

The east arm of Cliff Lake shall be open to the taking of fifty (50) whitefish from October 16 to December 15, both dates inclusive.

Winter Fishing Season: The following waters shall be open, bag and possession limit to be twenty (20) whitefish. The Ruby River below the Ruby Reservoir; the Madison River; the Jefferson River; the Big Hole River below Divide Dam; the Beaverhead River.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Fishing from, or with the aid of boats

or other floating craft or device shall be prohibited in the Madison River from Cabin Creek in Gallatin County to the Ennis bridge.

That portion of the stream located one-half mile east of the town of Twin Bridges known as Lott's Slough or drain ditch, from its source to the crossing of the old road one mile north of Twin Bridges shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Spring Creek within the Ennis Hatchery grounds shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The use of any trolling device with more than two blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1¾) inches in the longest dimension shall be prohibited in Wade, Cliff, Hidden, Meadow and Harrison Lakes.

McCONE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharged channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided under "Closed Entire Year," with the exception that Fort Peck Reservoir and the tunnel and spillway areas are subject to closure by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army as a safety or security measure.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Missouri River for all species of fish, except the spillway channel of Fort Peck Reservoir, which shall be closed to set-line fishing.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open at all hours for fishing of warm water fishes.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

MEAGHER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Crater Lake; Supply Canal from the concrete drop to its confluence with Martinsdale Lake; Flagstaff Creek; tributaries to Holliday Lake.

Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: Castle Lake shall be open to fishing from July 15 to July 31, both dates inclusive each year, and closed the remainder of the year.

In addition to the regular season, Lakes Sutherland, Harris and Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1 to February 29, both dates inclusive.

North Fork Musselshell River from Lake Harris (Durand Reservoir) to the falls shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Holliday Lake shall be open to fishing from February 1 to February 15, 1956, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None:

MINERAL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Silver Creek and Packer Creek.

Open Entire Year: Clark Fork River.

Other Than Regular Season: The St. Regis River and tributaries shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: That portion of Fish Creek from two hundred (200) feet above the Healing Logging Company bridge (first bridge six miles from mouth of Fish Creek) to its confluence with the Clark Fork River shall be open to fishing for whitefish on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from December 1 to February 29, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Thompson Creek and Flat Creek near Superior shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

Two Mile Pond, NE¼, Sec. 28, T18N, R28W, which is fed by the St. Regis River, shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

MISSOULA COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Montana Power Company Dam to its source; Clark Fork River from the Bonner Dam to three hundred (300) feet below the dam; Miller Creek (near Missoula); the South Fork of the Jocko River and all its tributaries, including Crazy Fish Lake.

Open Entire Year: Clark Fork River except as provided above, and all lakes in the Swan River drainage, except for three hundred (300) feet in any direction into the lakes from stream mouths which shall be closed from March 1 to June 25, both dates inclusive.

Other Than Regular Season: Streams of the South Fork of the Flathead, Clearwater and Swan River drainage shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Cottonwood Lakes shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: Bitterroot River and the main Blackfoot River for whitefish only.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The fish ponds located within Greenough Park in the City of Missoula shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull trout) which may be taken in the South Fork of the Flathead and Swan River drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail left intact. The limit of trout in the South Fork of the Flathead drainage shall be five (5) fish or ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except Willow Creek, which will open with the regular season.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Musselshell River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters except Willow Creek shall be open at all hours.

PARK COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Yellowstone River during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Other Than Regular Season: Dailey Lake shall be open to fishing from June 12 to December 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: The bag and possession limit shall be twenty (20) whitefish. The Shields River below Wilsall; the Yellowstone River.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Dailey Lake shall be open to snagging sockeye salmon as per the general sockeye regulation.

The use of any trolling device with more than two (2) blades and rudder, said blades not to be larger than one and three-quarter (1¾) inches in the longest dimension, shall be prohibited in Dailey Lake.

The bag and possession limit on eastern brook trout in Park County shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no size or number limit within this weight limitation.

PETROLEUM COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River and the Musselshell River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters open at all hours to fishing of warm water fishes.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

PHILLIPS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except the drain canal at McNeil Station rearing pond and the Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge.

Other Than Regular Season: The Bowdoin Wildlife Refuge shall be open to fishing from July 16 to September 15, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year. Hewitt Lake shall be open to fishing from July 16 to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season of each year.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River and Milk River, for all species.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters open at all hours.

Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

PONDERA COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Marias River and the Dry Fork of the Marias River.

Other Than Regular Season: The inlet canal to Lake Francis from the Kunkle drop to its mouth and a portion of Lake Francis included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said canal shall be open to fishing from July 1, 1955, to February 29, 1956, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: Lake Francis shall be open to fishing for all species from the beginning of the regular open season to February 29, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed, except for sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The inlet canal from Kunkle drop to Lake Francis, Lake Francis, and the outlet stream for one-quarter (¼) mile below Lake Francis, shall be open to the snagging of sockeye salmon as per the general regulations, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

POWDER RIVER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Powder River and the Little Powder River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open at all hours to the fishing of warm water fishes.

POWELL COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Nevada Creek from the Nevada Creek Dam to three hundred (300) feet below said dam, spillway excluded.

Open Entire Year: Brown's Lake and Upsata Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: All lakes and their tributaries in Powell County, except those open or closed entire year, shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, with the exception of the following lakes but not their tributaries: Rock Creek Lake, Miller's Lake and Cooper's Lake shall be open to fishing during the regular season.

All streams in the South Fork of the Flathead River drainage shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Winter Fishing Season: (1) Jones' Lake; (2) Cooper's Lake; (3) Rock Creek Lake, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from 8:00 a.m.

to 5:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time; (4) Little Blackfoot River from where the highway bridge crosses at Elliston to its confluence with the Clark Fork, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, for whitefish, (5) Big Blackfoot River in Powell County, for whitefish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The bag and possession limit on eastern brook trout in Trask Lakes (Hidden Lakes) and Thompson Lakes (Goat Lakes) shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no number or size limit within the weight limitation.

The minimum size of Dolly Varden (Bull trout) which may be taken in the South Fork of the Flathead River drainage shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail intact. The limit of trout in the South Fork of the Flathead drainage shall be five (5) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

PRAIRIE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River, for all species.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing at all hours.

RAVALLI COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: The West Fork of the Bitterroot River within three hundred (300) feet below the Little Boulder Dam (West Fork Dam).

The waters of the South Fork of the West Fork, south of Alta; Meadow Creek and Marten Creek, both tributaries of the East Fork of the Bitterroot River.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: The Bitterroot River, the West Fork of the Bitterroot River to Alta and East Fork of the Bitterroot shall be open for whitefish only.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River and the Missouri River for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open to fishing at all hours.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided for Medicine Lake under "Other Than Regular Season."

Other Than Regular Season: Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake as shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, both dates inclusive, and also from November 15, 1955, to March 31, 1956, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River and Poplar River for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open for fishing at all hours.

ROSEBUD COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River and tributary streams, including the Tongue River, and the Musselshell River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing at all hours.

SANDERS COUNTY

All waters in Sanders County except those opened the entire year shall be open to fishing from June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Closed Entire Year: Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the town of Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source.

Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source.

Open Entire Year: All lakes, Flathead River, Clark Fork River, and Smiley Slough, with the following exceptions: Upper Dry Fork Reservoir and Rock Creek Lake which shall be open June 26 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Other Than Regular Season: The Thompson River shall be open to whitefishing only from its confluence with the Clark Fork River to the confluence of Big Hole Creek, from January 1 to February 29, both dates inclusive, on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

The areas adjacent to Cabinet Gorge Reservoir between Highway 10-A and the Bonneville power line on Blue Creek and Bull River and between landheads and the Northern Pacific Railroad on Pilgrim Creek and Elk Creek shall be open to fishing from June 26 to February 29, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use

not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: That water located on the Ray E. Meadows property in the NW¼ Section 5, Twp. 22N., Rge. 30W., shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All Waters except as provided for Medicine Lake under "Other Than Regular Season."

Other Than Regular Season: Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake which shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, shall be open to fishing from July 1 to September 15, both dates inclusive, and also from November 15, 1955, to March 31, 1956, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All reservoirs shall be open at all hours.

SILVER BOW COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Basin Creek from the lower reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries.

Open Entire Year: None.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: The Big Hole River below Divide Dam for whitefish only.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Bell Creek from Harrison Avenue to the Butte Country Club property line shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

STILLWATER COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Yellowstone River during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: The Yellowstone River; the bag and possession limit shall be twenty (20) whitefish.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: The bag and possession limit for eastern brook trout shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. There will be no number or size limit within the weight limitation.

SWEETGRASS COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Lindsay Lakes and Yellowstone River, during the regular fishing hours, 5:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: The Yellowstone River; the bag and possession limit shall be twenty (20) whitefish.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Ball's Pond shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

TETON COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: Freezeout Lake and Priest Lake.

Hanan Rearing Pond, and the North Fork of Sun River from Gibson Dam and Diversion Dam to three hundred (300) feet below each dam.

Open Entire Year: Bynum Reservoir and Aarod Reservoir.

Other Than Regular Season: Pishkun Reservoir shall be closed to fishing during the migratory waterfowl hunting season and shall be open to shore fishing during the remainder of the regular season, and the east pond shall be open to fishing from boats from July 1, to August 31, both dates inclusive, subject to change by order of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. That portion known as the "well" or inlet, including the inlet ditch below the well, shall be open to shore fishing from July 1 to November 30, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Winter Fishing Season: North Fork of the Sun River from three hundred (300) feet below Diversion Dam to its confluence with the South Fork of Sun River and the Sun River for whitefish only.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: Spring Creek from the Milwaukee bridge to Bryan Corbett fence below Choteau shall be closed to fishing by persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

TOOLE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: The Marias River and all reservoirs stocked with warm water fish.

Other Than Regular Season: O'Haire Reservoir shall be open to fishing from May 16 to August 16, both dates inclusive, and from October 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive, and closed during the remainder of the year.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open to fishing of warm water fishes at all times.

TREASURE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: All waters.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River for all species of fish. Sarpy Creek from bridge on U. S. Highway No. 10 to confluence with the Yellowstone River.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters shall be open for fishing of warm water fishes at all hours.

VALLEY COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel marker below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam and that portion of the discharge channel of the spillway structure, Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir project, between the terminal concrete apron and the installed cable markers.

Open Entire Year: All waters except as provided under "Closed Entire Year," with the exception that Fort Peck Reservoir and the tunnel and spillway areas are subject to closure by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, as a safety or security measure.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Set-Line Fishing: Missouri River, Milk River, Fort Peck Reservoir, and the dredge cuts below Fort Peck Dam, for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: All waters except those closed entire year shall be open to fishing at all hours. Fort Peck Reservoir is subject to U. S. Coast Guard regulations governing the operation of watercraft on navigable streams.

WHEATLAND COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Dead Man's Basin Lake.

Other Than Regular Season: Lake Martinsdale shall be open to fishing from January 1 to February 29, both dates inclusive. Lebo Lake shall be open to fishing from January 1 to March 31, both dates inclusive.

Set-Line Fishing: None.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus) which are allowed.

Other: None.

WIBAUX COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: Bear Creek and all reservoirs except Lamesteer.

Other Than Regular Season: Lamesteer Reservoir shall be open to fishing from June 12 through April 14, both dates inclusive, and closed the remainder of the year.

Set-Line Fishing: Yellowstone River and Beaver Creek, for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed, except in Lamesteer Reservoir.

Other: All waters stocked with warm water fishes shall be open to fishing at all hours.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Closed Entire Year: None.

Open Entire Year: The Yellowstone River east of the bridge on Highway 12 at Laurel; the Big Horn River; and all reservoirs shall be open at all hours for all species of fish.

Other Than Regular Season: None.

Winter Fishing Season: The Yellowstone River; the bag and possession limit shall be twenty (20) whitefish.

Set-Line Fishing: The Yellowstone River below the bridge on Highway No. 12 at Laurel for all species of fish.

Minnow Seines and Small Fish for Bait: Use allowed.

Other: None.

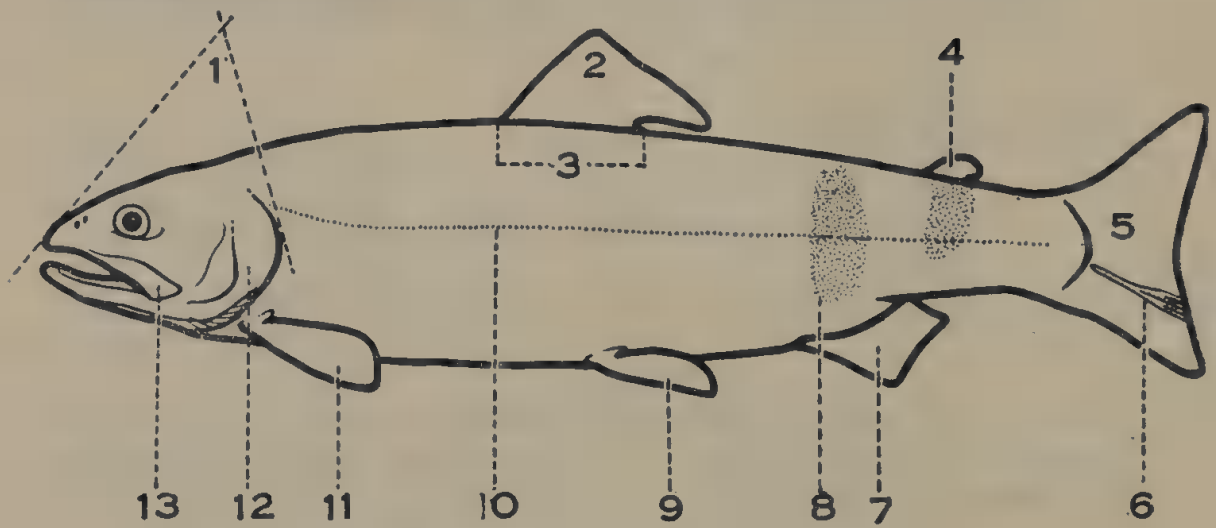
KEY FOR THE SEPARATION OF TROUT, SALMON, CHARS, AND WHITEFISH FROM THE OTHER FISHES FOUND IN MONTANA

How to Use the Key

The use of the key is largely a process of elimination. Beginning at "A", compare the specimen with the written description and proceed to the signified letter. In any case, there can be only one choice between "A" and "AA", "B" and "BB", etc. If the description does not compare with that given under "A" proceed to "AA", and continue comparing the specimen with the descriptions.

(EXAMPLE)—If the description matches with that given under "A", then proceed to "C" as indicated. If the description matches with "C", then proceed to "D" as indicated. If the description does not match "D", then proceed to "DD". If the description does not compare with "DD-1", proceed to "DD-2", and you will find that the specimen is a lake trout. If the description does not match with that given under "DD-2", then you have made a mistake and worked into a blind alley. Begin once more at "A" and go carefully through the key as previously described.

External Anatomy

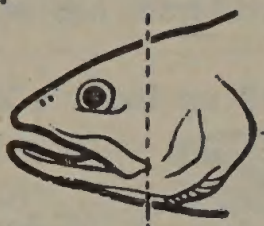


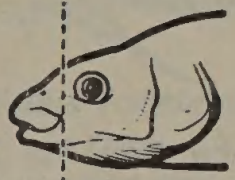
1. **Head** (length)
2. **Dorsal Fin**
3. **Dorsal Fin Base** (length)
4. **Adipose Fin**
5. **Caudal Fin** (tail fin)
6. **Fin Ray**
7. **Anal Fin**
8. **Parr Mark**
9. **Pelvic or Ventral Fin**
10. **Lateral Line**
11. **Pectoral Fin**
12. **Operculum**
13. **Maxillary** (upper jaw)

KEY

All of the trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish have an adipose fin (stubby, fleshy fin usually without rays).

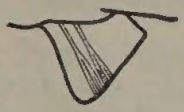
This character alone will separate them from other Montana fishes, except the catfishes. Catfish bear whiskers (barbels), around the chin and mouth region, a character which immediately sets them apart from trout, salmon, chars, and whitefish.

A. Jaw long, upper jaw extends beyond eye ----------  ---------- C.

AA. Jaw short, upper jaw does not extend beyond eye ----------  ---------- B.

B. Base of dorsal fin much shorter than head---**Whitefish**

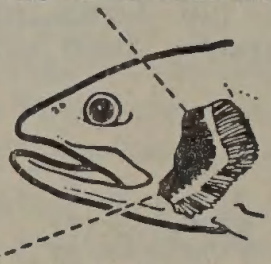
BB. Base of dorsal fin as long or longer than head ---------- **Grayling**

C. Anal fin with less than 13 principal rays ----------  ---------- D.

Ray

CC. Anal fin with more than 13 principal rays ----------

CC-1. Gill rakers long and filamentous ---------- **Kokanee** (Sockeye)



Gill Filaments

CC-2. Gill rakers short and thick ------ **Silver Salmon**

D. Body spotted with black ---------- **E.**

DD. Body without black spots

DD-1. Tail weakly forked, or not forked; body spotted with red, orange, or pink.

(a) Back covered with greenish mottlings or vermiculations, (worm tracked) **Eastern Brook Trout**

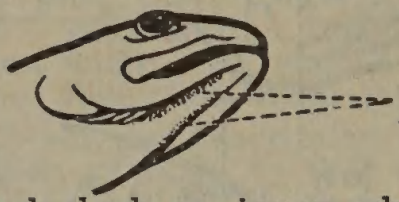
(b) Back not covered with greenish mottlings ---------- **Dolly Varden**

DD-2. Tail strongly forked, body spotted or mottled with gray ---------- **Lake Trout**

E. Sides of body without red, orange or pinkish spots; black spots sharp and strongly developed on tail fin ..... **F.**

EE. Sides of body with red, orange, or pinkish spots; black spots splotch, and not well developed on tail fin ..... **Brown Trout**

F. No bright red slash on inner edge of lower jaw ... **G.**



Area of red slash

FF. Bright red slash on inner edge of jaw ..... **Cutthroat**

NOTE—Since there is considerable crossing between the rainbow and cutthroat trout, some individuals may bear characteristics of both species. It is, therefore, often difficult to determine accurately if a specimen is a true cutthroat, rainbow, or a hybrid of the two species.

G. Body, head, and fins black spotted, no parr marks on adults; usually a broad orange or red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts not deep orange-red. NOTE: (In some waters, particularly deep lakes, the body sides may be silvery.) **Rainbow Trout**

GG. Black spots confined mostly to tail region; parr marks remain in adults; red band running lengthwise on either side; underparts deep orange-red in adults. **Golden Trout**

NOTICE

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any body of water in the State, or it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transplant or introduce any species of game birds or game animals into the State of Montana without first having obtained authorization from the Fish and Game Commission.

IT IS UNLAWFUL

To refuse to show license on demand.

To use more than single pole and/or single line.

To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.

To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit.

To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) into any body of water.

To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.

To use set-lines except in such water as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.

To use or have in possession a fish spear.

To shoot fish with rifle, gun, or bow and arrow, except that carp may be shot with bow and arrow.

To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corosive or narcotic poison or to have any of same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.

To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or any tags from said license to any person.

FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information available. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in cooperating to improve fishing are requested to mail a card to the Helena Office asking for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records. Please do not make this request out of curiosity, but only if you are truly interested in cooperating by keeping an account of your catch records.

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